

**TOWN MANAGER**  
Ken Deal

**TOWN CLERK**  
Pamela Mills

**TOWN ATTORNEY**  
Tom Brooke



**MAYOR**  
Lee Withers

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Arthur Heggins  
Brandon Linn  
Rodney Phillips  
Charles Seaford  
Steve Stroud

**TOWN OF CHINA GROVE**  
**A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall**  
**China Grove, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Withers called the regular meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Withers called roll. All council members were present. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Withers amended the agenda with the addition of an EDC Update to Other Business.

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from August 13th, 2019 regular meeting
- b) Adopt Ordinance to close Main Street for Stand Together Music Festival

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Heggins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Withers introduced Brad Jenkins and stated he is running for NC House District 83. Mr. Jenkins stated he is running to provide an effective conservative voice to the people of our district.

Mayor Withers recognized Rod Crider with Rowan County EDC. Mr. Crider stated they are continuing to work on industrial sites in the China Grove area. He stated we are also working with you on marketing properties in the Opportunity Zones in the China Grove area.

Mayor Withers wished Kinsley Deal a Happy Birthday.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- I) Proclamation – Recycle Right NC

Mr. Deal stated we have had a lot of discussion lately on the proper way to recycle. He stated the state has started a new program called Recycle Right NC. He stated we signed up for the program and they share publications, stickers, social media post and information on the proper way to recycle. He stated this proclamation is a way to show our support in the program.

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the Recycle Right NC proclamation. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES**

Mayor Withers stated the Mayor Council will again begin meeting this week.

Mayor Withers stated he meet with the representatives of the property owned by Cornerstone Church at exit 68. He stated they remain excited on the development of that area.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **I) Police Department monthly updates**

Chief Deal stated there has been some principal changes at the schools and they are working together well with the School Resource Officers.

### **II) Public Works Department monthly updates**

Mr. Ketner stated there is some patching going on around town and paving will begin soon on Central Ave.

### **III) Administration Department monthly updates**

Mr. Deal stated we meet with the Manager of Waste Industries and they are in the process of learning the routes. He stated it will take a little time to learn the area.

#### **a) Finance**

Mrs. Bopp stated she is getting ready for the auditor that is coming soon.

#### **b) Event Coordinator**

Ms. Price stated parade applications went live today. She stated the Stand Together Music Festival is September 21, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

### **IV) Fire Department monthly updates**

Chief Zimmerman thanked the Police Department for helping out on the vehicle fire on Centerview Street.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **I) EDC Update**

Mayor Withers stated the committee meet a couple of weeks ago. He stated Bruce Jones a community member joined in on the conversation. Mr. Phillips stated they discussed exit 68 and exit 70, and Opportunity Zones with Mr. Jones. He stated they meet with a Kannapolis business owner and he shared things that Kannapolis is doing. He stated they rode through town and showed him some available buildings and properties and discussed types of business for those areas.

Mayor Withers stated the next EDC committee meeting will be held on September 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

### **II) Salisbury Rowan School System**

Mayor Withers stated there has been some discussion of building a Southern Rowan Elementary School. He stated the School System owns around 40 acres on the corner of Bostian Road and Hwy 29. He stated they have discussed closing the China Grove Elementary School and Landis Elementary School and redistrict. He stated this could open up the property for development. He stated they are in the process of applying for a ten-million-dollar grant that can only be used for new construction. Mr. Phillips asked what the timeline is on this project. Mayor Withers state they are applying for the grant and will have to see if it is approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Pamela L. Mills, CMC**  
**Town Clerk**

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**Lee Withers**  
**Mayor**